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Faculty showcase musical talent for Regis community

Marlena Hargrove
Staff Reporter

On Wednesday, Feb. 16, the O'Sullivan arts center was the host of a faculty music recital. Faculty music recitals are a way for teachers and faculty members to show off their talents and to have fun. Mark Davenport, director of the music department said, "It is important for the music students to be able to come and hear their instructors play and perform."

The faculty members who participated in the recital were Irina Albig playing piano, Marlena Burghardt playing clarinet, James Cline playing guitar, Rebecca Koenigberg singing, Leslie Sawyer playing violin, Nanette Shannon playing piano, Michelle Stanley playing flute and Barbara Wollan also singing. Special guests included Kevin Garry playing guitar, Megan Gale playing piano and the Arundo Winds.

When these music recitals first started there were three people participating; now there are 15, which means there is a faculty member for each musical instrument taught at Regis.

The evening was filled with solo performances, duets, one trio and one quintet. The first performance of the night was by Albig. She performed "Rhapsody in B Minor" by Johannes Brahms.

That was followed by a performance by Sawyer and Garry, who played a selection from the "Arpeggione Sonata," "Allegro Moderato." The third performance was by Wollan, Shannon and Stanley. Wollan sang "Danny Boy," while Shannon accompanied her on the piano and Stanley played the flute, creating a beautiful sound for the pleased audience. Shannon then remained on stage after to play three selections from composer Leanna Kirchoff, who was in the audience.

Kirchoff introduced the performance by giving some background information on the selections performed, which she wrote for a holiday concert in Limon, CO in 2003. The next performance was a duet by Koenigberg and Gale. Koenigberg sang a wonderfully humorous song called "A Word on my Ear" accompanied by Gale on the piano. A duet by Stanley and Cline followed as the two played "Allegretto Grazioso" and "Tempo de Siciliana."

The final performance of the night was done by the Arundo Winds who played six selections from "Sechs Kleine Stucke Fur Blaserquintett." The Arundo Winds include Ismael Reyes playing flute, Sarah Mellander playing oboe, Burghardt playing clarinet, Kaori Uno playing bassoon and Megan Garrison playing horn.

The music faculty started having recitals two years ago when the opportunity to minor in music was first offered. There have been three concerts this semester with the next one being on March 23. It will be a vocal recital with Wollan and Koenigberg. For more information and to see the calendar for faculty and student recitals visit the music department web site at www.regis.edu/music.

Poker has U.S. all in

Explosion of poker has taken America by royal flush

Carly LeTourneau
Staff Reporter

The game of poker is taking the country by storm with approximately 50 million players coast-to-coast. Poker is no longer limited to smoky casinos and home basements. The popular card game can be found on television, the Internet, video games, movies, and in magazines.

The Travel Channel plays host to the World Poker Tour, which is a series of televised tournaments that airs on Wednesday nights. Last season, the show drew in an average of 1.3 million viewers. ESPN's annual coverage of the World Series of Poker begins in June, running every Tuesday until September.

Even celebrities are getting in on the game; the Bravo network organized a weekly "Celebrity Poker Showdown," which features the likes of Curt Shilling, Ray Romano and Heather Graham.



Photo by Ed Bessenbacher

Sophomores Tyler Goswick and Brent Jester contemplate their next bet at the Regis Texas Hold-em tournament in semester. Poker has had huge recent success in the U.S. due largely to the increased visibility of the game on such shows as the "World Series of Poker."

And reality t.v. has chosen poker as its latest victim with the Discovery Channel's American Casino, giving viewers an inside look at the workings of the Green Valley Ranch Casino in Nevada.

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Mailbox security scrutinized

Possible breach of mail security prompts changes

Andrea Silva
Senior Reporter

In the past week or so, confusion and rumors have run rampant surrounding the movement of townhouse mail to the mailroom. The townhouse mailroom is now back in business, but what happened to cause all the trouble? Many have been left confused and guessing as to what the deal is with their mail being moved. As resident junior Katie Kramer explains: "I

was basically told that it was none of my business where my mail was, so I was pretty much left to speculate what had happened on my own."

The popular rumor was that mailboxes were broken into, and it had also been speculated that someone accidentally caused mail to appear tampered with.

Prior to the re-opening of the townhouse mailboxes, assistant manager of the mailroom Jim Compton explained: "We discovered a security issue and we can't really go into depth, but we decided to play it safe and have the students come pick up their mail here [in the mailroom] for the time being

and have a locksmith look at the problem."

Compton informs that the exact cause of the problem was unknown, and that the action that was taken was mainly precautionary. "We're not sure that we've actually had a security problem. We suspect mailbox tampering, but we're not certain. We don't think at this moment that anything has been taken, but we would rather just play it safe" said Compton.

O'Connell Assistant Hall Director John Kinnon provided some insight as to what actually happened. He explained that there is one main door that

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Feature

Learn the history of the conflict between Israel and Palestine in the face of the current peace.

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Preview the lacrosse team before they begin play this weekend.

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Singing a new tune: music department growth melodious for campus



Maribeth Waldrep
Staff Reporter

Tucked behind the payroll department in the northeast corner of Main hall's first floor resides the music department, home to a plethora of staff, academic programs and enrichment opportunities.

The music department, though still in its infancy, has developed many new programs since its founding three years ago. In a few short years the department has expanded from offering only one University Choir to having now over seven ensemble groups, new introductory classes in both voice and guitar, and the ability to offer a music minor to over twenty Regis students.

Dr. Mark Davenport, music director and head of the music program, sees many perks for students as the department continues to expand. For one, Regis is one of only a select number of schools that provides all students with the opportunity to take music lessons.

Whether one has always had an interest but never learned, or simply stopped playing an instrument years ago, there are a variety of classes available each semester.

These lessons are available to all regardless of their major and are



Photos courtesy of the music department

(Top) Dr. Mark Davenport conducts the Collegium Musicum group, a mix of students and faculty members. Below, faculty member Leslie Sawyer bowing on violin accompanied by Nanette Shannon during last semester's faculty music recital. The music department has grown significantly in recent months and plans for much more.

included in the price of tuition. According to Davenport, there are currently about 180 students enrolled in music lessons studying a range of instruments and disciplines.

Not only can interested students receive academic credit for this pur-

suit, they also receive great opportunities for personal enrichment. For many, playing music provides a release from the stress of school and gives students a chance to simply relax and have fun.

The music department also offers many concerts throughout the school year located on campus in the O'Sullivan arts center. Every music class performs each semester, usually towards the end, followed by a small reception afterwards. All performances are open to the public and are usually free.

The Collegium Musicum group performs music composed before 1750, and is comprised of students, faculty, staff and members of the local Denver community.

There are also concerts given by the Concert and University Choirs, Guitar, Chamber, and Jazz Ensembles and those students minoring in music.

Three of these music minors are performing separate 20-minute recitals on Wednesday, April 6, beginning at 7:30 p.m. A schedule of other such performances can also be found on the music department's website, www.regis.edu/music.

Regis' music department has grown a great deal in past years, providing students with many great opportunities to get involved on campus and learn more about their own musical tastes.

With 15 accomplished staff members specializing in a wide range of instruments and vocal disciplines, there truly is something for everyone.

In the upcoming years, Regis hopes to see even more growth among the music department, which will hopefully add classes such as introduction to piano in the coming semesters.

Their next concert will be a Faculty Voice Recital at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23. For more information, contact Dr. Mark Davenport or stop by the first floor of Main hall to learn how to benefit from this rising program.

Irish-American; well, for one year

Irish exchange students speak about differences in U.S.

Molly Hames
Staff Reporter

For many of us, experiencing life in a different culture can be an incredible opportunity. At Regis the exchange students from Ireland have found life on campus to be a positive experience. Finding a warm reception from staff in the office of study abroad, Irish exchange students Rori Freehan and Edward McGreehan both felt that the cultural transition coming to America was fairly easy. Freehan comments that "we are constantly exposed to the American culture in Ireland; we watch the same television shows and such, so it wasn't really difficult to adjust."

Although adjusting may have been easier for these students than one would expect, they do admit that there are obvious social differences between the two cultures. In Ireland

when you turn 18 you are considered an adult and are treated with that level of respect. The Irish students explain that you grow up quicker in Europe, which they feel is apparent in how Americans use language. Freehan comments that "In America people refer to our age as 'kids' and college as a 'school' where we do 'homework', whereas in Ireland we are 'adults', we go to 'college' and we work on 'assignments.'" They feel this subtle difference makes college here feel more like high school because it reflects society's attitude toward students under the age of 21. Although a student may be legally an adult in the U.S., they may not be treated like one.

Both Irish students felt the differences in attitude toward people under 21 has somewhat to do with how both societies approach the consumption of alcoholic beverages. McGreehan says, "People in Ireland learn to respect alcohol from an early age, so when they are legally able to drink they don't abuse the privilege." They both agreed that the age restriction also makes them feel like they are

back in high school because it clearly demonstrates how American culture truly does not believe people aged 18 and older to be responsible adults. By placing so much emphasis on the importance and responsibility of drinking, they feel we are enlarging the importance of alcohol and decreasing the level of respect and power of the substance itself.

The Irish students explained that back in Ireland there are bars on campus and that a lower drinking age is actually easier, socially, on campus. It is not uncommon for classes to go out to a bar and have a drink together after each semester. Freehan says, "It is a lot easier to be more social because everyone can drink, no one gets left out, and so everyone is extended the same level of respect." Although both societies have different views on the consumption of alcohol, both students explain that people in America most certainly have respect for and value each other, but that American society has a much longer grace period to adulthood than Ireland, which is not a bad thing.

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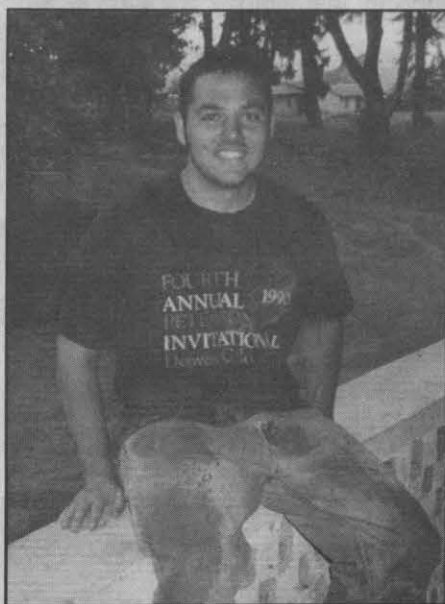
Tim Brungardt
Guest Writer

In the summer of 2004 as I prepared for my senior year at Regis - my last hurrah before I was to enter the real world - I remembered the words of my father, words that have echoed in my ears ever since he whispered them over a decade ago. "Don't forget to stop and smell the roses."

His words are more meaningful now than ever, in part to an experience that left a mark on my soul that I don't think will ever go away. Over Christmas break, I was afforded the opportunity to volunteer abroad. I had researched a few programs in various parts of the Third World, but none struck me as so giving and so genuine as the group 'Global Volunteers' did. Each year they send hundreds of teams of volunteers mostly from America and Europe to Third World nations, by invitation from the local countries only, to assist in projects the villagers create and execute.

I left after my last final on Dec. 17, and boarded a plane for Germany which would eventually take me to my final destination, Pommern, Tanzania. I travelled alone until I met the other four team members in the capital Dar Es Salaam. I anxiously sat in the plane wondering what would be awaiting me so many thousands of miles away. I arrived in Tanzania two days later, only to find my bags never left Frankfurt. I had flown six thousands miles and waited months to be here however, so I wasn't about to let a little thing like no luggage get me down.

The next day I met the other team members, and we drove in a rickety, tired old bus for ten hours through the



Photos courtesy of Tim Brungardt
(Top) Senior Tim Brungardt takes a couple moments from planting corn to pose with some of the people he met during his time in Tanzania.

southern highlands of the east African nation. I was really starting not only to see, but understand how at least a small part of Africa thrives. The five-

foot-tall clay homes, the Masai walking their herd along the roads, and even the eyes of the children conveyed a message of welcome as we drove past. The next morning we came to the village and house that I would call home during Christmas, New Year, and the other three and half weeks I would spend there.

It was a simple plan. Our main objective was to help in the construction of a boy's dormitory at a nearby school. Hauling sand, water, dirt, brick, sweeping the ground, and even planting corn became our tasks as the days flew by. The locals were more than happy to welcome us into their homes, share with us the tales of Africa, and were eager to learn about us as well.

In the end we finished only three to four rooms. I thought that the villagers would be disappointed, but much to my surprise, they didn't seem to mind one bit. I was sitting with the headmaster of the school we worked at telling him my concerns and he paused for a moment, stood up, and said "Mr. Tim..... What has happened here the last three weeks isn't just about a boy's dormitory. It's not about the timely, efficient completion of a new building. It's about the experience you have provided for us, and the experience we have provided you. You can stay here all year making buildings and we most assuredly would appreciate it, but even more important for all of us is the knowledge that there is still goodness out in the world, and there will always be goodness. It's no small thing that we have gotten together to help each other out. Once in a while, you just have to stop.....and smell the roses."

Dad, thanks.

Mailbox: problems resolved

opens up all the mailboxes, and that the lock to that door wasn't catching when locked. This led to the speculation that the lock, and possibly mail, had been meddled with.

According to Compton, having townhouse residents pick up their mail in the mailroom was necessary in order for the problem to be accurately examined. He also explains that mailroom employees have been on their guard to protect the mail of townhouse residents, and as of yet, nothing has been reported missing. As Compton explained, "We think anything that happened we caught in time, we don't suspect anything has been taken out of mailboxes."

As mentioned, the townhouse mailboxes are now re-accessible for residents. From what Compton explained, students can rest assured that any obstacles faced with mailbox trouble have been squared away and are under constant security.

Corrections

In the story "Frisbee golf course flings onto campus" (Issue 13, Feb. 15, page 1) it should be clarified that, while Physical Plant is actually assembling the course, Regis University Student Government Association was responsible for purchasing and bringing the new attraction to campus.

In the story "Studying abroad allows the world to be your next classroom" (Issue 13, Feb. 15, page 2) it should state that credits transfer only through Regis-affiliated programs. In addition, actual grades do not transfer from program to program, but bad credits will if a student does not pass a class with a "C" or better.

Poker: not folding soon

Not only are the airwaves being flooded with real deal poker, this year, ESPN introduced Tilt, a weekly drama starring Michael Madsen in which he plays the reigning king of the table about to be taken down by three colleagues a month before the World Poker Championships at the fictitious Colorado Casino in Las Vegas.

Television may be the place to watch poker, but the Internet is where you can actually play. According to ESPN.com, an estimated 100,000 people are playing poker online at peak time (8 p.m. PST, 11 p.m. ET) everyday. But just how safe is it?

According to the Colorado Division of Gaming, Internet gambling is not legal in any state except for Nevada, where licensed casinos can offer very limited and restricted Internet wagering to Nevada residents only. There is no Colorado state law that expressly addresses the issue of Internet gambling, however the violation would be considered a crime and charged as an "unlawful form of gambling."

Only a few states have passed specific laws explicitly prohibiting Internet gambling, but within the past few years, a number of bills have been introduced in the U.S. House and Senate to further restrict gambling over the Internet, though none of those proposals have yet been passed into law. Because U.S. law enforcement is

becoming so strict on the Internet gambling sites operated within the U.S., many online gaming companies are based in the Caribbean, staying off shore in order to stay out of American jurisdiction.

A more fun and reliable way to play poker is through the latest craze, bar tournaments. Beginning last September, Casino Masters USA, a Denver-based casino event promotion and entertainment company, started the Denver Poker Tour. Various bars and restaurants around Colorado take turns hosting 60-150 poker players, with at least ten different locations to choose from each night of the week.

Contestants each start with \$500 in casino chips (no real money can be wagered) for a game of No Limit Texas Hold'em. Typically, bar prizes are awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers nightly at each location. In addition, 1st place earns a guaranteed seat in the Final Showdown game that takes place in mid-March.

Ultimately, the Grand Prize is the \$10,000 buy-in at the World Series of Poker in Las Vegas.

In January 2005, the amount of money spent on the game of poker in casinos within the state of Colorado totaled over \$2.6 million dollars. Colorado has three main casino areas: Blackhawk, Central City and Cripple Creek.

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On our mind

from the Highlander staff

Campus workers deserve our gratitude

There are hundreds of people who allow Regis University to function as an educational institution. Beyond the professors, administrators, alumni and admissions workers, there are several other individuals contributing to our education.

These individuals may not have a direct correlation to our classroom education, but they contribute to Regis in many different ways. The custodial staff and physical plant workers deserve to be acknowledged and deserve our thanks. The Sodexho workers should be treated with respect and the employees at the library and the mailroom staff should be given credit for how much their work makes our lives as students easier.

How many students living in the residence halls know the name of the custodial worker who keeps their surroundings clean? How many students stop to thank the custodial workers in the halls of Loyola and the ALC, or to even acknowledge that they are there and say hello? How many of us make the conscious effort to throw our trash away, not spew water all over the sinks, and clean up after ourselves?

Respect is the underlying issue. Regis University asks us the question, "How ought we to live?" Though we may examine this question in the classroom, through community service, and in decision-making, we often forget it when interacting with these individuals on campus.

The custodial staff is not the only group working to improve our education at Regis. The physical plant staff works hard to keep our campus looking new and safe and adding improvements. For example, when it snows, they arrive extra early to make a clear walkway for us.

The Sodexho employees also contribute to our education. They prepare and serve us when we are hungry and in a rush. They deserve to be acknowledged as well. The library workers and mailroom staff help keep Regis functioning and provide us with services that simplify our lives as students.

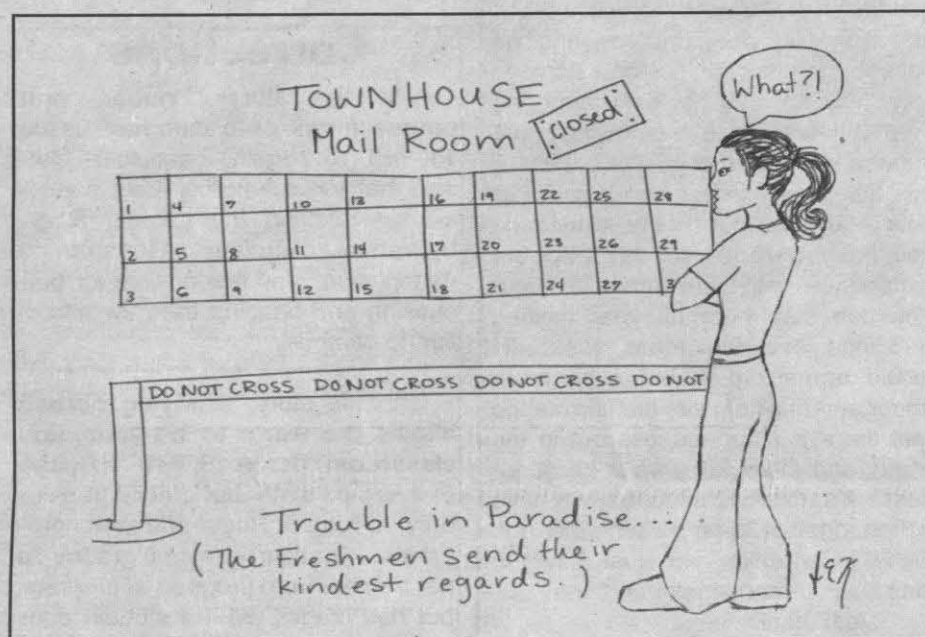
By no means should we all go out and buy every one of these individuals

gifts, although they do deserve it. We simply should acknowledge what they do for us and say hello and thank you. We are all people and we are all linked to the Jesuit tradition of Regis.

When you see a custodian cleaning in the halls, express your gratitude. When the physical plant workers are out improving our campus, let them know that the improvements look great. And when you are served by the friendly Sodexho employees, let them know that their work matters. For although these individuals are "behind the scenes" of our education, they still deserve our respect and gratitude for the service they do which allows us to attend school and live here.

Wisecrackers

by Jacqueline Kharouf



Parking fines are too high for poor infrastructure

Parking problem result of poor planning as Regis gets larger

Adam M. Stout
Guest Writer

I'm not one to complain. I understand that expanding is hard, and that hang ups are to be expected. I can deal with the constantly changing routes that I am forced to walk on campus to get to where I need to go. I can deal with the sounds of trucks backing up, digging, and breaking concrete at the early hours of the morning. I can even deal with the ever increasing prices of books and minimal return that we get at the end of the semester. However, there comes a point when our patience is tested. I'm sorry to say that we (both students and faculty) have been tested for some time now, and personally, the latest increase in parking fines has pushed me beyond the limit.

Let me begin by saying that I appreciate the fact that Regis students do not have to pay for a parking pass. However, under the present circumstances, I would rather pay a \$50 parking fee once a semester to have the guarantee that I can always have an available parking spot.

The problem with the current parking situation is apparent to anyone who has tried to find parking on campus between the hours of 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. It is understandable that Regis wants to allow enough parking for the commuting community of Regis students and faculty, especially when considering the amount of adult students who attend Regis, but to enforce parking the way that has not been initiated is uncalled for. If parking fines are going to increase, more parking needs to be made available so people do not have a legitimate need to park illegally.

The first step that needs to be taken is to give on-campus students

and faculty designated parking spots. If this includes a fee, students and faculty will be more than willing to pay. Currently, leaving anytime between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. means that an on-campus student or faculty member will not be able to find a parking space that is within a reasonable distance from their home or office respectively.

The second step is to create, by some means, additional parking that is both safe and accessible to commuting students, with safety being the most important factor. Many will remember the problems with car break-ins from last year that seemed to cease of their own cause and not from any security policies that Regis implemented.

And finally, if the above steps are not plausible, Regis needs to be lenient with regards to the parking situation. Raising ticket prices will only infuriate Regis patrons and students, causing them to park in unsafe areas, which in turn creates a threat to the vehicle and person and hinders the flow of traffic (try driving down Lowell during rush hour with cars lining both sides of the street).

Overall, much like the end of the spring 2004 semester, Regis has failed to think of the implications of parking policies. At the end of last spring semester, students were required to move out of on-campus housing at the same time as graduation. Needless to say, many students and parents could not park remotely close to their housing to facilitate the moving process. It is reasonable to say that this caused some students to miss the noon deadline for moving out, thus incurring a fine that could only be justified through the poor planning of Regis.

Currently, and much to our chagrin, students and faculty are incurring fines due to the poor planning of Regis. If university growth is an ultimate goal, accommodating facilities are needed before expansion can begin.

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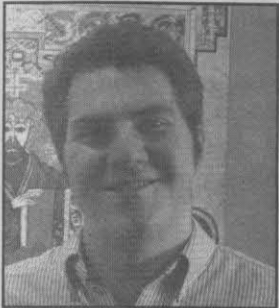
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Meet the candidates

With the upcoming elections of the RUSGA leadership, the *Highlander* wanted to make space available for the candidates to speak to the students. Elections will run Tuesday, March 1 through Thursday, March 3 at various locations on campus. For the first time, presidential and vice presidential candidates must run together on a ticket, with the chief justice running separate. This year there are two such tickets that will appear on the ballot. The four candidates have written a short piece to the students that appears here with the president above and their VP running mate below.

PRESIDENT Frank Haug

Over the last year I've had the pleasure of serving as the vice president of RUSGA. As the chair of the Senate I've organized meetings, overseen budgets, supervised student clubs/organizations, and developed committees to deal with issues important to the Regis student body.



The ability to organize and chair meetings is necessary to the presidency, as well as the ability to appropriately allocate the \$100.00 each of you, the students, pay every semester to give RUSGA our budget. I have had direct experience in both of these areas.

I am fortunate to have led the Senate when many new clubs/organizations formed, and others continued to prosper. I believe every student's voice is important. We now have Jewish, Hispanic, and

Black Student Alliances, which have exploded onto campus and filled a void at our University. Several new athletic clubs, academic groups, and student activist organizations, added to our fantastic classic clubs, provide opportunities for all students to get involved.

I have aided in the creation of a frisbee golf course, worked to extend DML's hours, and generally given a voice to the students. This is our University; and as your RUSGA President I will continue to professionally serve you.

RUSGA has developed momentum in the last year. As someone who helped create it, I feel I am the best person to aid in its continuation; and I very much want to. I have the experience and desire to do this job. As President I will do my best to give every student a positive college experience.

VICE PRESIDENT Danny Gallagher

With the upcoming year as the topic of conversation, the focus should be who the new president and vice-president should be. The leadership that compromises the student body should represent all interests and organizations. It should also be willing to listen to the needs of the clubs and organizations to provide them with ample funding, publicity and backing; in regards to all the events each club is going to be putting on. However, the duo should possess the needed experience to get the job done. In high school I was the student body vice-president in 2002 and president in 2003. My high school had a population of nearly 2,100, which is more than the Regis campus. I have always been inclined to leadership, but the road that has brought me here has been filled with many challenges and experiences. I feel that Frank Haug and I would make a great duo for the positions, and know we could represent the students with excellent stewardship.



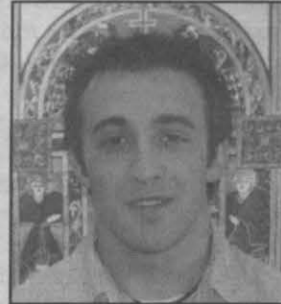
So when you are trying to decide who you should vote for in the upcoming elections there are three things you should remember;

1. Experience matters
2. Your voice should matter
3. That your vote is of the utmost importance

Frank and I promise to bring exciting new changes to the campus, while still providing the groundwork for tradition, integrity, and accountability to remain in the forefront of the student governments' goals.

PRESIDENT Alex Glueckler

This is my little "blurb" about me: My name is Alex, and I am running to be your next President. I love this school, and have been involved with it since late into my freshman year when being put on the Board of Trustees for



Physical Plant Committee, working with them on many aspects of this campus, including the recent Frisbee golf course that is being built through RUSGA.

But freshman year was only the beginning. Since, I served as Director of Student Involvement (namely in charge of the Mr. Regis contest), the Junior Class Senator, bartending for Regis' pub (that small stand selling beer on Thursday Thrills), a member of the Judicial Board, I help distribute money to clubs through Appropriations Committee, and was even an Insignia last year. Beyond this, I have been among the select few on the "couch crew" supporting our athletic teams through the thick and thin.

My point is that I have tried to make myself as much a part of Regis as possible because I believe in what it could be. This year's Student Government Association has made many great advances in setting a groundwork that can be built upon. I know that my past experience here has given me the skills, which can take Regis farther. I ask that you actually vote this year, and if you'd like, vote for myself and Byron. We will work hard to continue to ensure a better and more enjoyable year for you.

VICE PRESIDENT Byron Schwab

The Rolling Stones put it best when they sang, "You can't always get what you want, but if you try sometimes you might find you get what you need." Two years ago I found myself as the student who just expected to fit in at Regis. Being naive, I did not realize you only get what you put in and suddenly I found out how truly fortunate we all are to attend Regis University. By simply getting involved in intramurals, cheering on our sports teams, and helping start the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, I began to realize the capabilities our Student Government Association can achieve through student interests.

I believe RUSGA made wonderful advances this year towards achieving student satisfaction. My only question is why stop there? Andy and Frank created a great foundation for many programs. Yet, I know that if we try these programs could be what we as students need.

In summary, I know I would make a great Vice-President; I would work hard for you, and get programs performing to their maximum potential. Please, vote for Alex and myself, so that next year we might all just find we get what we need.

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Will there ever be peace? A look at the past, present and future of Israel and Palestine

The history behind the Israel-Palestine conflict

Melissa Skotak
Senior Reporter



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In 638 AD, a conquest by Arab Muslims ended Byzantine rule. Apart from the age of the Crusaders from 1099 - 1187 AD, the region remained under Muslim rule until the fall of the Ottoman Empire in the 20th century.

The ongoing struggle has continued into modern history. In the last 100 year, the Palestinians have experienced colonization, expulsion and military occupation and a long, difficult search for self-determination and coexistence with the nation they hold responsible for their suffering and loss.

The Jewish people of Israel have met similar unrest. The return to the land of their forefathers has not brought peace or security. Instead, they have faced crisis after crisis as their neighbors have sought to wipe their country off the map.

Palestine. There was a revolt against Roman rule 133 years later and the second temple was destroyed. This was the beginning of the Jewish Diaspora; eventually, the Jews were banished and forced into slavery as their city was destroyed around them.



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A new flag is being proposed to represent the Palestine - Israeli nation. It is composed of three vertical, colored bars to embody the three religions of the people, blue to symbolize Judaism, white for Christianity, and green for Islam. In the center is the world with a white dove with an olive branch to signify peace between the two feuding states.

“The structure of world peace cannot be the work of one man, or one party, or one nation. It must be a peace which rests on the cooperative effort of the whole world.”

— Franklin Delano Roosevelt in his Address to the US Congress, March 3, 1945.

Controversial U.S. involvement in Israel

Melissa Skotak
Senior Reporter

The Middle East is full of struggle and conflict - not only between a few select nations, but for nearly the entire region. Amongst the tension, the United States is most interested in the events that transpire between Israel and Palestine. This is because of a unique relationship that the U.S. has developed with Israel over the years.

In 1948, Israel declared itself an independent nation. At this point, the United States was faced with a decision of whether or not to officially recognize the young country.

Secretary of State George Marshall was against supporting Israel. He felt that recognizing the country might endanger U.S. access to the Arab oil supply. President Harry Truman, however, did not take Marshall's advice. He welcomed Israel and this gesture, in turn, angered many of Israel's adversaries.

Eight years after officially recognizing Israel, the United States proved its loyalty as being unconditional. In October 1956, Israel, Britain and France planned a military strike to recapture the Suez



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Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin meets with PLO leader Yasser Arafat and President Bill Clinton at the White House on Sept. 13, 1993. The two shook hands in agreement to withdraw troops from the Gaza Strip and West Bank.

Canal from Egypt. U.S. President Dwight Eisenhower blocked the military move and secured the United States' role as a key player in Middle East conflicts.

During the middle of the Yom Kippur war in 1973, President Richard Nixon showed support for Israel. When the Soviet Union, a strong Arab ally, threatened to send in troops to enforce a cease-fire, Nixon vetoed the idea and put U.S. forces around the world on nuclear alert.

Peace negotiations were discussed in 1978 when President Jimmy Carter brought Israeli leader Menachem Begin and

Egyptian leader Anwar Sadat to Camp David; the talks resulted in a peace treaty.

Similar visits occurred in the 80s and 90s. In 1988, the Palestinian Liberation Organization formally recognized Israel's right to exist and as a result the United States agreed to negotiate with PLO leader, Yasser Arafat. Then in 1993, President Bill Clinton brought Arafat and Israeli leader Yitzhak Rabin to the White House lawn to sign the Oslo Peace Accords.

The intricate past that the United States has developed with Israel continues forward today as the U.S. hopes to help bring the country more stabilization.

More recently, the focus on this conflict in the Middle East has been to develop a lasting relationship with new Palestinian leader, Mahmoud Abbas. The United States has strong hopes that his stature in Palestine will help to bring a more peaceful environment between the two feuding countries.

At present...peace

Yasser Arafat, who led the movement for Palestinian statehood for forty years, died in November 2004 at the age of 75. Mahmoud Abbas, a former prime minister was elected chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization on Thursday a few days later. Abbas, 69, who has long worked in Arafat's shadow as the PLO's Number 2 official, won the most powerful of the three titles Arafat held - president of the Palestinian Authority, leader of the Fatah movement and head of the PLO.

Over the past few weeks, there have been several positive signs that the Israelites and the Palestinians are nearing a lull in the ongoing violence. On Feb. 11, the new Palestine leader, Mahmoud Abbas, said in an interview that the war with the Israelis is effectively over and that the Israeli Prime Minister, Ariel Sharon, is speaking "a different language" to the Palestinians.

A few days prior to Abbas' statement, Israeli Prime Minister Sharon committed to withdrawing from Gaza and dismantling all Israeli settlements there and in the West Bank. This also coincided with the reopening of Gaza's seaport and the release of several hundred prisoners.

These recent events follow the four-year-long Palestinian uprising known as the "Intifada." In September 2000, prior peace efforts failed once again between the two groups when Ariel Sharon's peaceful visit to the Jerusalem mosque known to Muslims as Haram al-Sharif, and to Jews as Temple Mount, turned into a violent situation. This incident then sparked four years' worth of more hate and violence.

Periods of peace have come and gone quickly in this 10,000 mile region. This is why many fear the longevity of recent peace efforts. The underlying question seems to be a matter of how long it will last.

Birth of the Palestinian Authority

On May 4 Israel and the Palestinian Liberation Organization reached an agreement in Cairo on the initial implementation of the 1993 Declaration of Principles. This document specified Israel's military withdrawal from most of the Gaza Strip, excluding Jewish settlements and land around them, and from the Palestinian town of Jericho in the West Bank. Negotiations were difficult and were almost derailed on Feb. 25 when a Jewish settler in the West Bank town of Hebron fired on praying Muslims, killing 29 people.

Oslo II and the assassination of Rabin

On Sept. 24 the Oslo II agreement was signed in Taba in Egypt, and countersigned four days later in Washington. The agreement divided the West Bank into three zones: **Zone A** comprised 7 percent of the territory (the main Palestinian towns excluding Hebron and East Jerusalem) going to full Palestinian control, **Zone B** comprised 21 percent of the territory under joint Israeli-Palestinian control, **Zone C** stayed in Israeli hands. Israel was also to release Palestinian prisoners. Further handovers followed.

Amid an incitement campaign against Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, a Jewish religious extremist assassinated him on Nov. 4, sending shock waves around the world. The dovish Shimon Peres, architect of the faltering peace process, became prime minister.

Deadlock

Conflict returned early in 1996 with a series of devastating suicide bombings in Israel carried out by the Islamic militant group Hamas, and a bloody three-week bombardment of Lebanon by Israel. The five-year interim period defined by Oslo for a final resolution passed on May 4, 1999 but Yasser Arafat was persuaded to defer unilateral declaration of Palestinian statehood to give a chance for negotiations with the new administration.

West Bank Re-occupied

After waves of suicide attacks early in the year, Israel re-occupied almost all of the West Bank in March, and again in June. For most of 2002, Palestinian cities were regularly raided, remained cut off from each other, surrounded and under curfew for long periods of time.

The Second Intifada

In the uncertainty of the ensuing impasse, Ariel Sharon, the veteran right-winger who succeeded Binyamin Netanyahu as Likud leader, toured the al-Aqsa/Temple Mount complex in Jerusalem on Sept. 28. Sharon's critics saw it as a highly provocative move. Palestinian demonstrations followed, quickly developing into what became known as the al-Aqsa intifada, or uprising.

1907
First Zionist Congress
The First Zionist Congress issued the Basic Program to establish a "home for the Jewish people in Palestine secured by public law" and set up the World Zionist Organization to work for that end.

1936-1939
Arab Discontent
Arab discontent exploded into widespread civil disobedience during a general strike in 1936. By this time, the militant Zionist group Irgun Zvai Leumi was orchestrating attacks on Palestinian and British targets with the aim of "liberating" Palestine and Transjordan (modern-day Jordan) by force.

1947
UN Partition of Palestine
The UN set up a special committee which recommended splitting the territory into separate Jewish and Palestinian states. Palestinian representatives, known as the Arab Higher Committee, rejected the proposal; their counterparts in the Jewish Agency accepted it.

1948
Establishment of Israel
The State of Israel, the first Jewish state for nearly 2,000 years, was proclaimed on May 14 in Tel Aviv. The declaration came into effect the following day as the last British troops withdrew.

1964
Formation of the PLO
In January, Arab governments - wanting to create a Palestinian organization that would remain essentially under their control - voted to create a body called the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). But the Palestinians wanted a genuinely independent body, and that was the goal of Yasser Arafat who took over the chairmanship of the PLO in 1969. His Fatah organization (founded in secret five years earlier) was gaining notoriety with its armed operations against Israel.

1967
The 1967 War (the Six Days' War)
Mounting tensions between Israel and its Arab neighbors culminated in six days of hostilities starting on June 5 and ending on June 11 - six days which changed the face of the Middle East conflict.

1973
The Yom Kippur War
Unable to regain the territory they had lost in 1967 by diplomatic means, Egypt and Syria launched major offensives against Israel on the Jewish festival of the Day of Atonement or Yom Kippur. The clashes are also known as the Ramadan war.

1987
First Intifada
A mass uprising - or intifada - against the Israeli occupation began in Gaza and quickly spread to the West Bank. Protest took the form of civil disobedience, general strikes, boycotts on Israeli products, graffiti and barricades, but it was the stone-throwing demonstrations against the heavily-armed occupation troops that captured international attention.

1988
PLO Seeks Peace
For the PLO - based in Tunis since its expulsion from Lebanon in 1982 - the uprising threatened the loss of its role as the main player in the Palestinian "revolution" as focus shifted to the occupied territories and away from the Diaspora population.

1991
Madrid Summit
A worldwide audience watched the historic summit begin on Oct. 30. The old enemies were each given 45 minutes to set out their positions. The Palestinians spoke of a shared future of hope with Israel, Shamir justified the existence of the Jewish state, while Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq al-Shara dwelled on Mr. Shamir's "terrorist" past.

1993
Secret Oslo Talks
Foreign Minister Peres and his deputy Beilin explored the possibility of activating a secret forum for talks facilitated by Norway. With the Washington bilateral talks going nowhere, the secret "Oslo track" - opened on Jan. 20 in the Norwegian town of Sarpborg - made unprecedented progress. The Palestinians consented to recognize Israel in return for the beginning of phased dismantling of Israel's occupation.

Ranger Replay

Nikki Lawson
Sports Editor

Taking on Bellevue University in a three game match-up this past weekend, the Ranger **baseball** team improved their record to 7-2.

On Friday the Rangers defeated Bellevue by the count of 4-2. Starting pitcher **Tim Didjurgis** improved his record to 2-0 as he allowed only two earned runs in six innings pitched. On Saturday, Regis split the doubleheader losing 7-12 in the first game and winning the second game 4-3. In the winning effort, senior **Jared Scharton** went 1-for-3 and added an RBI while reliever **Eric Thompson** was credited with the victory.

The Rangers will be in action this weekend as they play host in the *RMAC Pre-Season Tournament*. Regis will take on Nebraska-Kearney on Friday at 2:00 p.m. and compete in a doubleheader against New Mexico Highlands and Fort Hayes beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday.

The **men's basketball** team split games against two RMAC opponents this past weekend. On Thursday, the Rangers defeated Chadron State by the count of 68-61 and were upended by Fort Hayes on Saturday by the score of 53-69.

Against Chadron State, junior **Jay Goral** recorded 13 points and went 3-for-6 from the three-point range. Senior **Kent Brown** had the game high in points with 16 against Fort Hayes as he was 6-for-8 in shooting.

The Rangers will close out the 2004-2005 season this weekend as they play host to Colorado Christian and Colorado School of Mines on Friday and Saturday, both games set to begin at 5:30 p.m.

Currently ranked first in the NCAA II North Central Region and 24th nationally, the **women's basketball** team suffered their second conference loss against Fort Hayes on Saturday as they were defeated by the count of 45-55. In the loss, **Denise Lopez** recorded 17 points and added eight boards.

On Thursday, the Rangers defeated Chadron State 61-54 as **Diana Lopez** registered 23 points and seven steals. The Rangers, 20-5 overall, 15-2 RMAC, will host the second half of this weekend's doubleheaders against CCU and Mines with games beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The Regis **softball** team competed in the Lonestar Conference / Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Crossover Tournament this past weekend in Phoenix, AZ. The Rangers were set to play against regional foes such as Saint Edwards University and the University of the Incarnate Word.

Regis defeated Saint Edwards 3-0 to improve to 2-1 overall. Against Incarnate Word, the game was rained out with only four innings completed.

The Rangers will next be in action this weekend as they take on New Mexico Highlands University on road in two double headers Friday and Saturday

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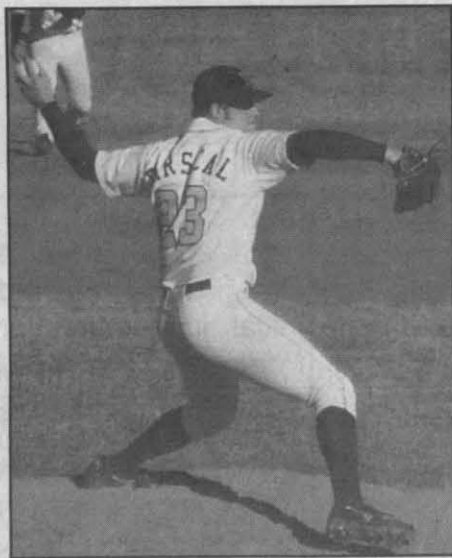


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Junior picture **John Parscal** prepares to release the ball against Bellevue this weekend. Regis took two games in the three game series.

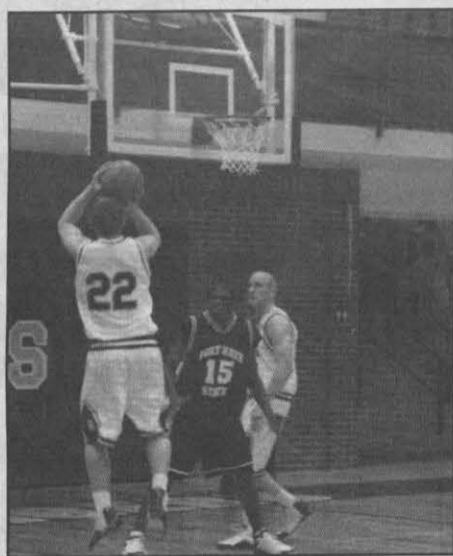


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Guard **Logan Garvin** attempts a jump shot. The men will conclude their season this weekend against CCU and Mines.



Photo by Graham Hunt
Junior forward **Aiste Slenyte** prepares to receive the ball. The Rangers are home this weekend taking on CCU and Mines.



Photo by Graham Hunt
Freshman outfielder **Christine Gardella** connects with ball in the Ranger's win over OJC.

Lacrosse optimistic heading into season this weekend

Freshmen talent key to success in 2005

Alicia Moler
Staff Reporter

This season, the Regis University women's lacrosse team has high hopes. Sophomore midfielder **Caroline Herter** says "we are definitely going to win more games (this season). Our defense is unstoppable and our offense really clicks well. The freshmen have tremendous talent. They add a lot of skill and knowledge to the team." Sophomore defender **Emily Augsburg** added "the freshmen this year are so talented and they're all so open to really working hard at making their mark on the team." Junior defender **Michele Boselli** emphasized the new spirit that the freshmen brought to the team. "They have given us all the attitude we need to succeed."

As far as the freshman go, they are all very anxious about the season. "I'm a little nervous for my first season, but we have a great team with lots of talent. I'm really looking forward to the great things to come," says **Maggie Cantwell**, an attacker on the Regis squad. **Lillian Yanni**, also playing the attack position remarks that "everyone is so passionate about playing and playing well that we are sure to have a successful season." **Brittany Innes** added, "I've felt very welcomed by the team. There are no quarrels and we're definitely a close bunch. I think **Colleen** and **Helen** (team captains) do a great job keeping us all together. The **Schlacks** sisters also should get credit." Freshman goalie **Amanda Mastera** stated "I hope we can reflect our abilities in a competitive game atmosphere."

The team has only three seniors this season, **Helen Lipscomb**, **Suzi** and **Salli Schlacks**. **Salli**, a midfielder for the Rangers, is very excited to see what the team will bring to the table



Photo by Graham Hunt
Junior captain **Colleen Merrick** looks for an open teammate during practice last week. The team will host their pre-season tournament this Saturday with games beginning at 1:00 p.m.

this year. "Well, let's just say we can only improve from last season and the season before, and given our attitude and new rookie-licious blood, I'd say we've got a pretty good chance to do so," she says. "Our leaders this year seem generally enthusiastic which always seems to help. Our coach, **Karie Keane**, is very willing to try new things and do whatever it takes to make us challenge ourselves. And our two new assistant coaches rock!"

Be sure to get out and support the team this upcoming Saturday, February 26th, as they host their annual spring tournament. The Rangers play at 1:00, 2:10, 3:20 and 3:55 p.m. on the lacrosse field (west soccer field) and take on various club teams.

Since the Rangers are the only Division II Women's Lacrosse team west of the Mississippi river, their home appearances are limited. Mark your calendars for their only other two home games, March 5 against University of Northern Colorado at 2 p.m. and April 3 at 11 a.m. against Colorado State University.

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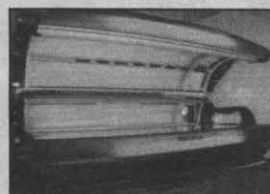
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Prescription for a Nuggets Turnaround

Flynn Murphy
Contributing Writer

Anyway you slice it, there is no doubt to any rational observer that the Nuggets' season has been a great disappointment up to the all-star break. At this point the Nuggets stand at 24-29 for the year which puts them out of the playoffs in the western conference and third in the Northwest division. There have been peaks and valleys for this year's team which can happen when you go through three different coaches in half a season. A multitude of excuses could be made; Voshon Leonard's season ending injury, new coaches, Carmelo's smorgasbord of troubles etc... But the time for excuses has run out, these guys

were put together to make a run into the playoffs as a high seed. The coaching situation is now settled with the accomplished George Karl signing a multi-year contract. Denver's play has been slowly improving under Karl, as they have gone 6-4 over their last ten games but there is still a lot of work to do. Denver stands five games back in the loss column behind the eighth seed L.A. Lakers heading into the All-Star break at the Pepsi Center over the past weekend. Knowing that, here is what I would do if Stan Kroenke, the Nuggets owner, called me in for a little consultation. This is my four step plan:

1. Explain to Melo that there are two sides to the basketball court. Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen, Larry Bird and Kobe Bryant have all been known for their play on both sides of the court. Anthony can look like a superstar on the offensive end, then run down and get confused with an asthmatic 50-year-old gym teacher at the local Y.M.C.A. on the other. More than anything, this comes down to conditioning and hustle. Anthony is

the future of the franchise; he should set the tone for the second half by hustling and at least trying on defense.

2. Replace the greatest overweight guard in the league.

This is by far the biggest hole on the team right now. No one was more important to the Nuggets last year when a big shot was needed than Voshon Leonard. He went down in the first game of the year versus the Lakers for the season. The replacements leave a lot to be desired. Some sort of improvement is imperative here before the trading deadline. Speaking of that...

3. Trade Nikoloz Tskitishvili for a Crystal Pepsi and Salsa Verde Doritos Just give it up Kiki.

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The time has come for the Nuggets to admit they made a horrible mistake in drafting "Skita." Two years of riding the pine is enough to convince me. If

he is not the next "Dirk," I was at least hoping he could be the next Vlade Divac. Give him away to anyone who will take him. But give me the Pepsi and the Doritos. Am I the only one that liked Crystal Pepsi?

4. Trade for 5,287 feet of Mount Mutombo immediately.

No one could get the crowd going like Dikembe Jubumbo Allanbe Kukumbe Bububum Jaque Mutombo. The hysteria that he caused with his razor sharp elbows and finger waggling will never be forgotten by this sports fan. So what if he is like 53 years old now and he can't waggle his finger cause of arthritis. He is just sitting on Houston's bench wasting away. If anything, it would be hilarious to listen to his press conferences again. Maybe bring back some of his buddies. Anyone know if LaPhonso Ellis and the artist formerly known as Chris Jackson are available?

Double trouble on the court: The Lopez twins



Photos by Graham Hunt

Denise Lopez

Diana Lopez

Denise and Diana Lopez are sophomores from Ranum high school in Denver. Denise is a forward and leads the Rangers in rebounds. Diana is a guard and the current leader in points and 3-pointers. Don't miss the girls in action this weekend as they take on Colorado Christian and Colorado School of Mines.

Who's older?

Diana is by one minute

What's the best way to tell you apart?

By beauty marks. Diana has one high on her nose (D-high) and Denise has one low by her lip (D-Low).

Do you have ESP?

Yes. We can sense where each other is at most of the time.

Have you ever switched places?

Yes, in eighth grade we went to each others classes.

Are you competitive with each other?

No, not really because we play different positions and have different roles to fulfill.

Favorite color?

Denise: Yellow Diana: Navy Blue

Favorite food?

Denise: Chicken Fingers Diana: Chicken Parmesan

Best pre-game warm up song?

Denise: Eye of the Tiger Diana: Eye of the Tiger

Best team to play against?

Denise: METRO Diana: Metro!

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6. We do it all without a football team.
5. Any Regis team beats any Metro team at anything: baseball, basketball, soccer, who has the higher GPA, who can eat more, who can cheer in the most demeaning fashion, who has better skills, who is extremely better looking, etc...
4. The support of the Couch Crew. Need we say more?
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Doña Rosita's Jalapeño Kitchen funny

One woman show appropriate and mildly entertaining

Kaitlyn Gentert
Entertainment Editor

Located in the heart and dusty part of Brighton, El Centro Su Teatro is presenting *Doña Rosita's Jalapeño Kitchen* Jan. 27 thru Feb. 26. The play focuses on a 54-year old woman named Rosita and her small restaurant. Drama persists within this restaurant between Rosita's friends and family members to set a humorous tone to this colorful performance. Rosita, played by Debra Gallegos, plays the narrator and reenacts events that have occurred throughout the years to entertain her audience.

The play begins with a man attempting to persuade Rosita to sell her small restaurant, prompting the reminiscent feelings of Rosita and her friends. The audience becomes witness to the events and momentous occasions that make up *Doña Rosita's Jalapeño Kitchen* and the emotional attachments they have in the hearts of

those close to this restaurant.

Starring with Rosita was her best friend, Cuca, played by Magally Rizo Antuna, who knows everything about everyone and isn't afraid to share this information with anyone who has ears. With a magazine in her hand, she tells every person to enter the restaurant that she wants to move into a "condom," and is promptly corrected by Rosita, "CONDO!"

Rosita's daughters, Consuelo and Lupita also add depth to this play with their differing personalities and feelings about their mother's restaurant. Fr. O'Reilly adds a twist to the story as an Irish priest in a Spanish-dominated Catholic Church. His Irish accent

added a unique dialect to the Spanish language.

Lasting just over an hour, the men and women in *Doña Rosita's Jalapeño Kitchen* brilliantly portray a comical community that is relatively entertaining to the average person. Much of the play consists of actors speaking "Spanglish," therefore imitative laughter is necessary in various occasions. The play, mildly entertaining, was not quite worth the \$10.



Photos by Kaitlyn Gentert

(Left) Rosita (Debra Gallegos) smiles to the audience as she tells her humorous family history and (top) eventually dreams that no chiles exists in heaven. Rosita and her family members create a fun-filled evening with numerous surprises throughout the entire show.

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The 'Doctor' is in

Will Smith plays the date doctor in predictable flic

Laura Parr
Staff Reporter

What does it take to turn nerds into studs when it comes to the game of dating? The romantic comedy featuring Will Smith as the "date doctor" in the new release, *Hitch*, attempts to answer this question.

Alex Hitchens (Will Smith), who goes by Hitch, is a professional and anonymous "date doctor" in New York City saving one bachelor at a time from another night alone. Hitch attempts to turn complete losers into desirable dating material. The latest challenge that Hitch is faced with is a dorky, chubby accountant named Albert (Kevin James). The assumption is that almost any girl is out of Albert's league and especially the one he has his eyes on, one of Manhattan's hottest and boldest, Allegra Cole (Amber Valletta). The rich philanthropist will not give Albert the time of day and drives him wild day-in and day-out. Seeking help desperately, the "date doctor" comes to the rescue to give Albert a few essential tips in how to dance, dress and act suave.

Not only is Hitch working on helping others in the game of dating, but also on his own mission of searching for love. Sara (Eva Mendes), a gossip columnist in New York City, catches the eye of Hitch but does not make it easy for him to grab her heart. Sara's pessimistic view of dating and men gets in the way of Hitch's smooth moves and creates a challenge for the notorious "date doctor." Yet the challenge is overcome quite quickly and Hitch does in fact win Sara's heart. The only obstacle in the way of the romance between the two characters is Hitch's secret profession. Sara's discovery of the "date doctor" leaves her furious and disgusted with Hitch. Hitch figures out that he may not be as



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smooth as he thought and must do anything and everything, including getting hit by a taxi, to win Sara back. Here is where the typical love story comes into play where guy wants girl, guy loses girl, guy gets girl back. It is the classic love story that we all see repeated over and over again.

As far as Albert's progress in becoming a suave, attractive bachelor, Hitch does a pretty good job transforming this nerd into a stud. A fairy tale ending follows Albert's chase for Allegra and everyone lives happily ever after, including Hitch. This two-hour movie has a simple and common plot that is drawn out a bit too long without much action. Thanks to Will Smith, who does his part in contributing to the comedy with his witty humor, the movie will receive more publicity than it would without such a prominent actor. Overall, "Hitch" was built up to be a hilariously funny, romantic comedy but turned out to be a let down because the most entertaining clips of the movie were shown in the previews.

Odd's & Ed's



This column is meant purely for entertainment purposes. It reflects the writer's own views and imagination.

And so you wander back like a lost dog wandering again to the last place he just wandered from: panting, oblivious, flea-infested, and sniffing at my kneecaps. Huh, that sounds a lot like Mike Simpson around women.

So spring break is coming up, but I don't think it feels much like a break. It doesn't even feel like spring when spring break starts at Regis. Let's just start it at Martin Luther King, Jr. day, and stop pretending that it's spring.

Can you honestly call it a break when homework is assigned and due the day I get back from my lavish trip to the Caymans? An extended weekend is one thing because one extra day doesn't give too much time to relax anyway, so assign away. But what about fall break, or Thanksgiving? "Happy turkey-day everyone, I'm so glad I was able to get away from school to come home and see you, now I have to go work on a paper that's due on Monday. No, Grandma, passing food takes too long, just throw the stuffing down here, but make a good pitch, like you're running the option."

Isn't the purpose of these days to give a student time off? Can I relax my mind and truly enjoy myself when I am supposed to be reading an entire book by the end of the break? Should I take time to peruse when I'm enjoying my well-earned break hiking the Na Pali Coast in Hawaii, or spending time with my best friend in Seattle? "No you guys go ahead and hike on without me, I really got a lot of reading to do, and I only paid \$950 for this trip anyway."

But don't worry, man, if that's really your name, when you get back the professor will only give you a short quiz over the reading. It won't be one of those six question quizzes, it will be an easy four or five short answers. (Note: readers are encouraged to use machete to cut through sarcasm).

Oh those maniacal professors, sitting back languidly in their easy chairs, their thrones, plotting from inside their mansions and ringing the butler to share a twisted laugh over coursework purposefully given to students over break in order to ruin all good experiences. "Yes Charleston, I gave them all 300 pages to read and an analytical reaction to turn in on Monday. I've already done it myself, as my activity schedule is lacking without any class to teach. Maybe I'll go play polo now; I just wish I wasn't so lonely."

Hey, that account is documentary-style, you might as well be standing in the parlor with the evil facilitator and his aide. Even if you think this is inaccurate, facts are overrated to begin with. If teachers are truly going to give students a chance to relax, they must realize one thing about spring break: the second word is "break."

My quill is running out of ink. Go and spread this word to your teachers and random giraffes and please remember: when you think you're more stressed than you've ever been and all alone in your horrible state of living torment...you're probably right because I don't even know you weirdo.

The Ripper comes to Regis

Jami Bonifas
Staff Reporter

This year Regis will be presenting two plays for the Regis community, *Jack the Ripper: The Monster of Whitechapel*, and *West Side Story*. These plays will be performed by two different groups, Rhapsody and the Ramblers, respectively. Rhapsody was started last fall by two Regis students, Fides Giddings and Brienne Corona. According to Giddings, they created the club so that "people, both students and faculty, can nurture their love for the stage (even if they can't sing)."

They are hoping to create an actual theater department in the future. Giddings believes that "adding theater as an option for students would not only give them an opportunity for a worthwhile experience, but it would also allow them a chance for introspection, which strengthens the ideals of a Jesuit education."

In its second year as a club, Rhapsody will be performing *Jack the Ripper: Monster of Whitechapel*. Dr. David Hicks, professor in the English department and the faculty advisor for Rhapsody, describes the play as "a depiction of bumbling idiots who stumble into solving a crime."

Jack the Ripper takes place in England around the turn of the century and is a dark comedy with three different endings. Rhapsody hopes to have four final performances so they can do each of the endings. Regis students Misio Wynar and Dan Keenan play key roles in the play. In order to get everything just right, Rhapsody puts in two diligent practices a week on Thursday

and Sunday evenings in the science amphitheater. *Jack the Ripper* is directed by Kristin Lesar, the co-president of Rhapsody. The tentative opening for the play is March 17, but watch for signs around campus for further details.

The other play that is in the makings is the musical

West Side Story. This Romeo and Juliet-type story will be performed by the Ramblers, who put on a musical every year. Samantha Lindell, president of the Ramblers, says the play is about "two rival gangs, the American Jets and the Puerto Rican Sharks, who are having a turf war on the streets of New York." An American boy falls in love with a Puerto Rican girl, but because of their affiliation with the rival gangs, their relationship is forbidden.

Trevor Wood, Emily Manion, Joe Keppler and Mage Kissack are just of a few of the many Regis students who will be flaunting their singing and acting skills in *West Side Story*.

A lot of time and effort goes into

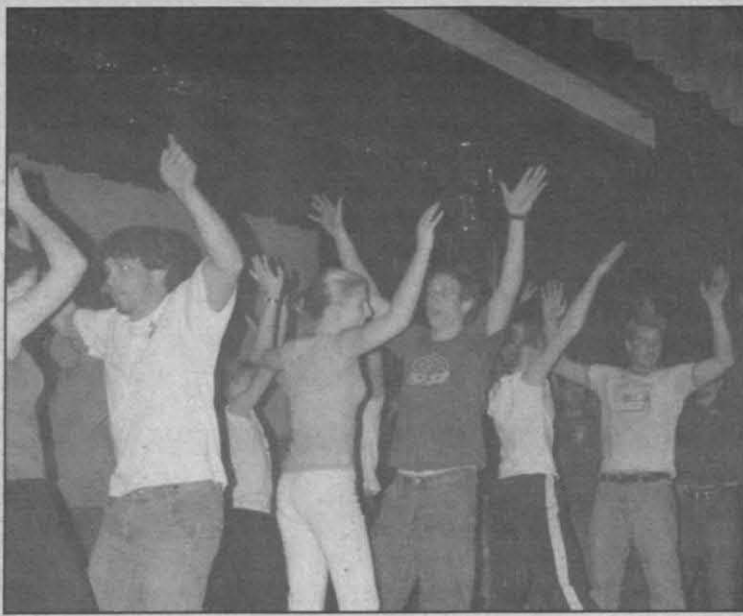
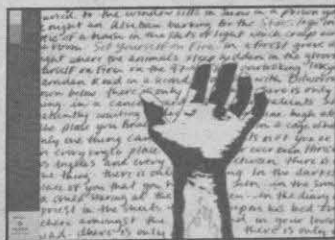


Photo by Amy Noyes

The Regis Ramblers begin preparations for the upcoming performances of *West Side Story*. The other play planned is the darker *Jack the Ripper: The Monster of Whitechapel*. With arms in the air, these shows are going to be great.

these musicals. The Ramblers practice Monday and Wednesday nights from 7:00 to 10:00 at El Jebel Shrine Center. They also have scattered rehearsals when they feel they need more practice. The faculty advisor for the Ramblers is Dr. Dennis Steele, who will also be making an appearance in the musical. *West Side Story* is directed by Clint Rudolph and choreographed by Shannan Steele. Final performances are scheduled for April 7-10 at El Jebel, which is located just down the street on 50th and Tennyson. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$7.50 for adults and can be purchased at the student activities office.

KRCX Album Spotlight



Stars: Set Yourself On Fire

Kevin O'Brien
KRCX Music Director

Nowadays when someone hears the term pop music, acts such as Britney, Christina, or any other random blonde one-named sex symbol comes to mind. Montreal's Stars are staked to take back pop music. With their latest release *Set Yourself on Fire*, Stars are trying to heat up the Canadian winter. With ambient electronic sounds, soothing pain melodies, diverse dual vocals and power guitar riffs, Stars are taking pop music back to a time reminiscent of The Rentals, when pop music was expressive and had substance. After burning up the Canadian charts, Stars are set to release their third album next month. With an appearance on Fox's hit television show *The OC* last week, Stars are gaining a lot of buzz here in the states. You can hear Stars new album *Set Yourself on Fire* all week long burning up the KRCX air waves on 101.5 FM. "When you have nothing left to burn, you have to set yourself on fire."

Top 10 Most Entertaining Things To Do at Regis in February

10. Sit in the grass and gaze at psychotic squirrels.
9. Chase after or be chased by that adorable fox (his name is Bart).
8. Sun-bathe in the middle of the rugby field in 50 degree weather (seriously ladies?!).
7. Lay down a blanket and read a copy of the latest *Highlander* in the warm sun.
6. Dodge in-and-out of all the construction cones and flags.
5. Practice your sweet computer hacking skills.
4. Go check out our rockin' awesome men's and women's basketball teams.
3. Play lacrosse to look cool.
2. Enjoy a sunny day because tomorrow it will snow.
1. Go support the Ranger softball and baseball teams!!!

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Campus Events

Tuesday, February 24 - Last Call - Mammoth Game 7:00 pm
 - Thrills: Regurgitator 10:00 pm
 - 12 Event: sign up in Student Activities

Friday, February 25 - Fr. Sheeran Retreat: sign up in Univ. Ministry

Tuesday, March 1 - Executive Cabinet voting begins
 - Great Spirit of Women Month begins

Around Town

CONCERTS

Date	Event / Location	Time
February 27	3 Doors Down / Fillmore	8:00 pm
	Sugarcult / Ogden Theatre	6:00 pm
March 1	Ashlee Simpson / Paramount	7:00 pm
March 3	Modest Mouse / Fillmore	7:30 pm
March 5	One Tree Hill Tour / Paramount	7:00 pm
	George Strait / Pepsi Center	8:00 pm

THEATER

Date	Event / Location	Time
February 22-27	Oedipus Rex / Stage Theatre	varies
February 22-27	A Selfish Sacrifice / Space Theatre	varies
February 22-March 6	A Raisin in the Sun / Arvada Center	varies
February 22-March 12	A Lovely Sunday / Jones Theatre	varies
February 22-March 27	Always...Patsy Cline/ Garner Galleria	varies
February 22-May 12	Narnia/ Arvada Center	varies
February 24-27	Colorado Ballet / Paramount	varies

DENVER NUGGETS

Date	Event / Location	Time
February 23	Boston Celtics / Pepsi Center	7:00 pm
February 25	at Memphis Grizzlies	6:00 pm
February 27	at New Orleans Hornets	5:00 pm
March 1	Atlanta Hawks / Pepsi Center	7:00 pm
March 3	Indiana Pacers / Pepsi Center	6:00 pm
March 5	at Los Angeles Clippers	8:30 pm
March 7	Portland Trailblazers / Pepsi Center	7:00 pm

COLORADO CRUSH

Date	Event / Location	Time
February 27	Los Angeles Avengers / Pepsi Center	1:00 pm
March 13	at Nashville Kats	4:30 pm
March 20	Columbus Destroyers / Pepsi Center	1:00 pm

COLORADO MAMMOTH

Date	Event / Location	Time
February 24	San Jose Stealth / Pepsi Center	7:00 pm
February 26	at All-Star Game / Calgary	12:00 pm
March 4	at Anaheim Storm	8:30 pm

Sports Schedules

MENS BASKETBALL

Date	Matchup / Location	Time
February 25	Colorado Christian University*	5:30 pm
February 26	Colorado School of Mines*	5:30 pm
March 2	RMAC Shootout Quarterfinals	TBA

* all home games broadcasted live on KRCX 101.5 FM

WOMENS BASKETBALL

Date	Matchup / Location	Time
February 25	Colorado Christian University*	7:30 pm
February 26	Colorado School of Mines*	7:30 pm
March 2	RMAC Shootout Quarterfinals	TBA

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BASEBALL

Date	Matchup / Location	Time
February 25	Nebraska-Kearney	2:00 pm
February 26	New Mexico Highlands	11:00 am
	Fort Hays State University	2:00 pm
March 5-12	at Gene Cusic Classic / Ft. Myers, FL	

SOFTBALL

Date	Matchup / Location	Time
February 26	New Mexico Highlands (2)	12:00/2:00pm
February 27	New Mexico Highlands (2)	11:00 am/1:00 pm
March 4-6	at Hilltopper Classic / St. Edwards Univ.	

LACROSSE

Date	Matchup / Location	Time
February 26	Regis University Spring Tournament	All Day
March 5	University of Northern Colorado	2:00 pm
March 8-12	at Hilton Head Tournament / So. Carolina	

Classifieds

GET THE WORD OUT!

Have an announcement?
 Does your club have an upcoming meeting?

Contact Melissa at x5394 or skojack@yahoo.com

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YEARBOOK NEEDS HELP!

Yearbook is looking for photos for the following:
Departments: psychology, education, foreign languages, and communication.
Clubs & Activities: Alpha Sigma Nu, SIC, Honors, Mi Gente, Religious clubs, Service Learning, Choices, and Rhapsody.
Sports: Baseball, golf, lacrosse, and club hockey.

Submit photos to noyes388@regis.edu

NEED SHELTER?

Packets for 2005-2006 housing will be delivered to the Residence Halls this week!

If you have questions or need more info, contact Office of Residence Life at x4991

Weekly Word Whomp

- Across**
- 2. Young 'un
 - 5. Look
 - 7. Excite
 - 8. Protected from the weather
 - 11. Article of bedding
 - 13. Metal fastener
 - 14. Osculate
 - 15. Score
 - 16. Take up (Chemistry)
 - 19. Stained
 - 22. Flesh of a cow
 - 23. Female name
 - 24. Analyze minutely
 - 25. Thaws
 - 26. Religious song
 - 27. Cause to go somewhere

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- Down**
- 1. Quick and active
 - 2. Sends by public transport
 - 3. Trees
 - 4. Red root vegetable
 - 5. Part of a play
 - 6. Insanely
 - 9. Operated
 - 10. One or the other of two
 - 12. Obscured
 - 15. Clumsy boat
 - 16. Cause to feel self-conscious
 - 17. Anything apparently limitless in volume
 - 18. Frequently
 - 19. Group of 12
 - 20. Proceeds
 - 21. Flower
 - 23. Dumb show

Answers to last week's Weekly Word Whomp

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